

# MEPI Tomorrow's Leaders Scholarship Program

**The Tomorrow's Leaders Scholarship Program provides approximately 50 scholarships per year to high school students in the Middle East and North Africa who are economically disadvantaged, but who have the drive and energy to be leaders. Selected participants will attend a U.S.-accredited university in the region. The American University in Cairo (AUC), Lebanese American University (LAU), and the American University of Beirut (AUB) are the current host institutions. Scholarship recipients receive an undergraduate degree and specialized civics-based training to include a semester abroad in the U.S., as well as internship opportunities with local public, civil society, or private-sector organizations.**

**The primary objective is to build a cadre of university-age leaders who are civic-minded, intellectually able, and professionally skilled, and who will become the community, business, and national leaders of the future. Selected students will join the 93 existing Tomorrow's Leaders already studying at AUB, AUC, and LAU.**

**Scholarship recipients may pursue an undergraduate degree in an eligible field at one of the three host institutions. Recipients will also be expected to engage in community service activities and participate in internships. The scholarship covers travel, academic fees for four years of university at AUB, AUC, or LAU, a study abroad experience in the U.S., accident and sickness insurance, housing, and a monthly allowance.**

## PROGRAM DETAILS:

**Implementers: AUC, AUB, and LAU with recruitment by AMIDEAST**

**Places targeted: Applicants are being recruited from Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, UAE, and Yemen**

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

This program is open to high school graduates from traditionally underserved communities in the Middle East and North Africa, who are qualified but unable to afford a college education. Students enroll at the undergraduate level in a 4-year or 5-year program, depending upon the course of study elected and if a first year of English language instruction is required. Applicants must be citizens of Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, UAE, or Yemen and cannot hold U.S. citizenship or be a U.S. Legal Permanent Resident.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- High school senior or applicant who graduated from high school in 2010;
- Strong academic credentials;
- Proficiency in written and spoken English with a minimum Institutional TOEFL (ITP) score of 500 or the equivalent that is less than two years old;
- Maturity, flexibility and leadership potential; and

- Ability to start the program in August/September of 2011.

#### **HOW DO PARTICIPANTS APPLY?**

The recruitment of Tomorrow's Leaders candidates will be handled by AMIDEAST region-wide this year (see above). Interested candidates should visit the Tomorrow's Leaders website at [www.amideast.org/tl](http://www.amideast.org/tl) for full eligibility requirements and the application information. The application form is available at the following link [http://forms.amideast.org/forms/MEPI\\_TLeaders/](http://forms.amideast.org/forms/MEPI_TLeaders/).

For more information about the program, please e-mail: [amarouchez@state.gov](mailto:amarouchez@state.gov).

#### **IMPORTANT DATE**

Deadline for submitting the application is **December 05, 2010**